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NEW DELHI, INDIA, SEPT. 27 (REUTERS)--UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO INDIA CHESTER BOWLES TODAY STRONGLY DENIED ALLEGATIONS THAT CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (C.I.A.) AGENTS WERE OPERATING IN FAMINE-STRICKEN BIHAR STATE IN THE GUISE OF MISSIONARIES AND SCHOLARS.

THE UNITED NEWS OF INDIA NEWSAGENCY QUOTED CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH, BIHAR STATE MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER, AS MAKING THE ALLEGATIONS.

SHEKHAR SINGH SAID SCORES OF DROUGHT AND FLOOD VICTIMS WERE CONVERTED TO CHRISTIANITY ON THE PROMISE OF RELIEF AND CHILDREN IN MISSION SCHOOLS WERE MADE TO PRAISE THE U.S. BY C.I.A. AGENTS OPERATING "UNDER THE GARB OF MISSIONARIES AND RESEARCH SCHOLARS," THE AGENCY REPORTED.

BOWLES SAID HE WAS "SURPRISED AND SADDENED" BY THE REPORT, WHICH HE TERMED "FALSE AND IRRESPONSIBLE."

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